1	2	3	4	5
9.	Crafts Development Centre	—	—	—
10.	Revival of Languishing Crafts	2.51	—	—
	TOTAL:—	17.28	26.44	28.43

Earning of Foreign Exchange from Export of Jute Goods

4247. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of foreign exchange earned from the export of diversified jute products during the last three years;

(b) the major importing countries and the main items exported to them; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to boost the exports of jute products?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) The total amount of foreign exchange earned from export of diversified jute products during the last three years is as under:

Year	*Value (in Mn. US$)*
1993-94	5.78
1994-95	13.29
1995-96	15.62

(b) The names of major countries to whom diversified jute products are exported are given below:

Country	*Item*
U.K.	Decorative Fabrics
Belgium	Soil Saver
Germany	Shopping bags
Spain	Webbing
Malayasia	Felts
U.S.A.	Mattings
Australia	Dyed Fabrics
Japan	Decrorative Fabrics

(c) Various steps have been taken by the Government to boost export of jute products. Jute Manufactures Development Council has been participating in various trade fairs, exhibitions, organising buyerseller meetings, seminars, workshops, sponsoring delegations in international market and launching publicity campaigns under its own funds and funds provided under UNDP jute programme.

External Market Assistance Scheme

4248. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of aims, objectives and functioning of External Market Assistance Scheme launched by Government alongwith date of its inception;

(b) whether the scheme has been revised with effect from 1st April, 1997; and

(c) if so, the changes incorporated therein alongwith justification for each of them?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) The External Market Assistance Scheme was introduced by the Govt. with effect from 8.2.1989 to boost export of jute diversified products. The Scheme is operated by Jute Manufacturers Development Council, by providing a market assistance in the form of subsidy on export of specified jute diversified products at the notified rates on the FOB value realisation.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The EMA scheme has been revised with effect from 1.4.97. The list of items including changes that have been included for assistance under the scheme is at Statement (*See* below).

The selection of items in the revised scheme has been made with the objective of encouraging export of value added products and also keeping in view